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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

To: All Suppliers of Milled Rice for Use in Export Food Assistance Programs

Subject: Change in Rice Specification Standard from Reasonably Well-Milled to Well-Milled

Effective with Invitation 035 under Announcement MR-17, USDA is changing the rice specification from "reasonably well-milled" to "well-milled". In an effort to move closer to industry standards, Announcement MR-17 will be amended to include this new specification, and it can be viewed at the following website:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/Announcement/Export/exportannon.htm>

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